

BERECZKY REPORTS ON HIS EVANSTON EXPERIENCES

(No people in the world are more hospitable than the Americans. They will be dismayed and shamed by the following revelation of the acts of their official representatives.)

We learned with no slight embarrassment that we had to be finger-printed in order to obtain U.S. visas. When I said that I had lived quite a long life without giving finger-prints, the answer was that the other leaders of the European churches were no more enthusiastic about this than I, yet since it allows of no exceptions, let us therefore make this sacrifice. The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Visser 't Hooft remarked facetiously that not only Chicago gangsters but even the Archbishop of Canterbury give their finger-prints, and that is democracy. I was quick to reply that this was the very opposite of democracy for in a true democracy the Archbishop of Canterbury would preach in his cathedral and the gangster would be behind bars.

The American consul informed us by word of mouth that he could only issue the visas if we would accept certain preliminary conditions. All five delegates were obliged to stay, while in the U.S., within the boundary of the World Council of Churches, a limitation that made it clear that we were to travel to the Evanston Assembly only, and not to the United States...

The July 18, 1954 issue of the New York Times indicated the skirmishes and anxieties amidst which the permission of entrance was at last issued to the church delegates of Hungary and Czechoslovakia. That issue reported Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "supported" the case of our admission, expressing his opinion that the contacts with the spiritual life of America offered by these conferences might have a favourable influence upon these delegates and might lead to "a spiritual strengthening" of their churches.

To strengthen this assurance, spokesmen not only stressed that the ten delegates from the so-called Eastern countries were really too small a group to upset the United States; they also announced quite shamelessly that a careful control by the secret police would be applied.

After these trifling preliminaries, it was only the customs inspection that we had to face, a more careful and circumspect procedure than we had ever seen on our numerous European travels.

Yet neither this nor what followed could surprise us, especially after we had the opportunity to see the great concert of the American press. In the atmosphere of an artificially cultivated and heightened hysteria, which is not the bluntest instrument in the service of war propaganda, the papers were flooded by the most fantastic lies. In the months preceding the Assembly it was rather Hromádka and I that were to be put out of action, while in the first week of the Assembly John Péter was the target, and, in the second week of the Assembly, on the basis of the cable sent by the Congressional Sub-committee, they tried to launch the attack, through my own person, against the entire Hungarian delegation, against the entire Hungarian people.

Some practical consequences of this wonderful freedom of religion had to be drawn at once. First, the commission on social problems decided to transfer its sessions from Chicago to Evanston in order to enable John Péter to attend, and to take the two other Hungarian delegates, with Hromádka, by automobile to Chicago every day. The next consequence was that Hromádka and I had to cancel our radio engagements to speak within the Press and Radio Department of the Assembly, in the course of the usual weekly programme of the Chicago University.

....At this time of international tension I attach importance to the fact that the Assembly passed concrete and unanimous resolutions concerning the most important issues, that is, against the weapons of mass destruction and in favour of negotiations, and beyond this, I was also impressed by the fact that the aggressive speeches - a number of these could also be heard - were received in silence or rejected by the dele-

gates. An example of these was the speech by Michael, the Orthodox Metropolitan of New York, who voiced the darkest hatred against the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies. Yet during his speech the room gradually emptied. There was applause from the galleries but not from the delegates. After his speech many delegates expressed their disapproval, and it was a very pleasant interlude when a woman delegate from New Zealand ostentatiously shook hands with Dean Ladislav Pap and told him that they, contrary to the speech, sympathized with us.

This sympathy of the entire Assembly with the Hungarian delegation was repeatedly manifested. I particularly point to the event when I, in a plenary session, announced on behalf of the delegation that we invite the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches to hold their meeting within the shortest feasible time in Hungary. The Central Committee is a large body and meets once a year. The invitation elicited general approval, yet also caused surprise to certain circles and even confusion of no mean proportions. The questions arose: Will the American members of the Central Committee get passports from the government of the U.S.A. to Hungary? Then again, even in case they receive passports, the possibility of which many doubted, they would be exposed, on their return, to the investigations of various "free-wheeling" Congressional Committees and perhaps to other undesirable consequences. We, of course, cheerfully comforted them that we ourselves do not count on similar difficulties and, to be sure, they so often speak of the "free world" that now here was an opportunity to put their slogans to this modest test. The invitation was in principle accepted and scheduled for the summer of 1956.

The resolutions of the Assembly in favour of the peaceful settlement of international issues were, I hope, more than paper declarations, for, according to all evidences, these resolutions reflected the inner conviction and sincere emotions of the delegates. The actual results and the loyal stand of the churchmen will show what the cause of preserving peace gained by the Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

I should like to stress the point that the American church delegates of the Assembly did not identify themselves with the actions of their government and the major part of the press. When we showed to American churchmen the restrictions put upon our visas, their average comment was something like this: And it is we who speak of freedom! When a mass of mendacious allegations was spread in the newspapers, chiefly about Bishop John Péter, and, with him, about all of us, one of the American delegates tried to comfort us - though we were in no need of special comfort - by saying that we should never mind the papers; they, the Americans, had become accustomed to the fact that all the papers are after is sensations, and they care little for truth. I replied that we would try to take his advice, though this would be rather difficult for us because we come from a country where it is worthwhile to take the papers seriously.

It was also one of the good things that the pastors of the American Hungarian congregations, old and new, even the emigrants among them, flocked to us during the time of the Assembly. One pastor travelled nearly 4000 kilometres from Los Angeles, though he was not a member of the Assembly, only to meet us and talk with us. Many of them emphatically expressed that they disapproved the attitude of those emigrants who had raised allegations and spread libels against us, and they also said that they do not envy them for the dollars they get for these services. The pastor in Detroit, for instance, came on the last day of the Assembly with the hope that we were to stay yet for another two or three weeks, "once having made this great journey" and argued strongly that there are 25,000 Hungarians in Detroit, and we could hardly imagine what it would mean to them to hear the voice of their mother through us. I believe that these signs and phenomena were not ineffective in refuting the charges that were spread against us by the newspapers and the radio.

....almost lurid illustrations could be cited to show that the greatest temptation the church has to face is pharisaism. An open air review was presented to 120,000 people in a sport field of Chicago, displaying

by pantomime the whole history of salvation as recorded in the Bible from the fratricide of Cain through the passion of Jesus Christ to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The great Biblical events were presented in ballet-like scenes on the open air stage. We ran into this peculiarly sensation-hunting religious propaganda at every step. There was an item of "church news" in one of the papers: "The pastor of our Church invites you to the Sunday Service. The theme of the sermon: How the Gospel Turns You into a Gentleman." all the windows of the Chicago stores displayed "religious" appeals. Above the nylon stockings in a hosiery shop on beautifully curved glass legs was a poster with a Biblical quotation: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace..."

I wish to emphasize that, according to our experiences and all the impressions that we received during the three weeks of our sojourn in America, there is a great difference between the simple American, either churchman or not, and the present leaders of American politics. Of course, it would be very difficult to tell what will ensue from that inner tension that exists between the Americans who try to lead a sober and honest life and the political organs that are spreading a war psychosis. A great part of the people live in fear. Not everybody, however, is willing to put up with proscriptions and ten-hour interrogations. I think I do not err when I say that the silent masses of the people have already made their decision as to the issue of war or peace.

According to the reports of the newspapers, the worst allegations originated from the spokesmen of the State Department. This, however, had the result of making the newsmen eager to get statements from us, particularly from John Péter who endured most of the attacks.

(In this connection Bishop Bereczky spoke of the written questions of the newspapers that were addressed to John Péter and told in detail how he himself was summoned to the Congressional Sub-committee under the chairmanship of Senator Bentley, how false accusations were made in the Committee by emigrants and how the papers reported upon the activity of the Sub-committee. After telling how Chicago gangsters put on a special show for the delegates, of murder in the streets, Bishop Bereczky wondered if the secret police might not have been better employed than in escorting Hungarian delegates from house to meeting and keeping them continuously under observation.)

To select another instance from among my many observations: In one of the main squares of Evanston there is a big marble column cenotaph in memory of the soldiers fallen on the battlefields. On one side of the cenotaph the dead of World War I are listed, with the date 1916-1919. The other side is dedicated to the soldiers of World War II, with just one date underneath: 1941; the second date is missing. If we had not seen this with our own eyes we could simply not believe how it is possible to advertise, in this blaring manner, engraved on marble, that World War II has not yet ended.

....Dulles in giving his support to our permissions of entrance, with restrictions, to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches, included the following sentence: "The other participants in these gatherings, as well as the American people in general, will be in a position to judge by the conduct of these delegates whether they come here as churchmen or as propagandists of an aggressive and materialistic philosophy fundamentally hostile to religious faith." It is not our task to criticize this statement, neither is it our task to mention how the "hopes" of Mr. Dulles, in this respect, collapsed.

An unspeakable sense of gratitude filled us as we, on our return, saw again, in the autumn sunshine, the smiling Hungarian countryside and our hearts throbbed again with the heart of our people that is delivered from the dark shadows of its past and is dedicated to the hopeful task of building up our future.

CLARIFYING THE NEWS

By Louise Harding

Civil Defense Folderol:

In the fall of 1951, your scribe commented on the fact that the chief of California's "defense" department told the natives that, in the event of atomic bombing of San Francisco, the people would not be allowed to escape down the peninsula - gasoline supplies, for instance, would be cut off. Lately they have been putting out silly talk about evacuation by foot. Admitting that a getaway of a distance of at least fifteen miles would be necessary, for safety, they tell folks that they hope a notice of one hour would be available; but that "in an atomic explosion, an area 50 miles wide, from San Francisco to Lake Tahoe, could be affected by a fall-out of radioactive particles, depending on wind currents." (That Japanese fishing boat was 71 miles away!)

On top of this, some idiot got on the radio, the other night, and admonished the people always to have on hand a shelf of tinned goods, which they could take along for emergency rations. Imagine the agile San Franciscans, scurrying 15 miles in one hour, loading themselves up with knapsacks carrying a shelfful of canned goods!

The latest advice noted by your reporter, was that people, after all, had better disperse, on warning, to their own homes, where there would be less "confusion" and "panic". Oh, certainly; especially if the homes were within the 15 mile limit - which they would be in San Francisco. It is admitted, by the "defense" authorities, that what to do with the children, as well as the lame, blind and halt, is a problem they have not been able to solve.

But all the people are not fooled - as was discovered lately by a friend of mine. Betaking himself to a point some 200 miles removed from here, he sought to buy a piece of land at a reasonable price. But was laughed at by the real estate folks. People with means had been there before him. Which reminds one that the opulent Germans - the nazis who had brought hideous disaster upon their countrymen - were not in the large cities when they were bombed. They were in their countryplaces, quite safe from falling bricks and consuming flames.

"Jimmie" Doolittle Makes an Observation:

Gen. James G. Doolittle talked to the Oakland (Calif.) Rotary Club recently, and noted that the most effective spot for an "enemy" to drop a hydrogen bomb would be in this Bay region. In which event, said he, a great wall of water, if the bomb hit the Bay, would rush in and inundate all land except the very highest peaks. The San Francisco Chronicle, in "covering" this talk, failed to mention the foregoing points in Doolittle's address. Bad for local real estate, and all that, don't you know.

Dr. Sturtevant:

Although Dr. A. H. Sturtevant, member of the California Institute of Technology, is mentioned as one of the world's foremost experts on genetics, a warning on atomic and hydrogen bombing which he issued recently, had to be garnered from a London paper, quoting the New York Times. Answering the soothing-syrup contention that radiation discharged by bombs can't be very harmful, since nature always produces it, this scientist says that that thrown off in nature is harmful, and produces disadvantageous gene changes in humans:

"The effects of successive exposures are cumulative. They are permanent in the descendents of the affected genes. There is no recovery..... They seriously affect the efficiency of individuals in later generations in which they come to expression. They may lead to early death, or to any of a wide variety of defects, often gross ones.

"There is no possible escape from the conclusion that the bombs already exploded will ultimately result in the production of numerous defec-

tive individuals - if the human race itself survives for many generations."

So much for Lewis ("Straws") Strauss and his lying claims that the Bombs have done little harm.

Another Warning:

As reported by Pacific Tribune (Vancouver), Professor Ian McTaggart Cowan, University of British Columbia, said:

"Exposure to radioactivity stimulates an increase in the mutation rates to produce a greater proportion of peculiarities.

"These peculiarities could take the form of stunted growth, excess growth, additional fingers and toes, hairiness, feeble minds, and an unlimited number of abnormalities."

Cowan concluded that continued test explosions of large numbers of hydrogen and atomic bombs would provide "more fodder for Canadian insane asylums and chronic hospitals."

Dr. George Volkoff, of the UBC physics department, pointed out that when a bomb explodes some of the resulting radioactivity dies off instantly while small quantities last for thousands of years.

(In the U.S. there has been a great increase in mental cases in recent years. It is now claimed that every other hospital bed is occupied by such a case.)

The so-called "lower animals" protect their offspring. The degenerate human, penned in cities and tied to a machine in which he has no ownership, will not do as much for his children as will the monkey or a bird.

Cancer and the Bomb:

Leonard V. Griffith, national director of field services for American Cancer Society, says (AP) malignancies will eventually strike one-fourth of the American people, if the present incidence rate continues unchecked.

In this country there has been deliberate ignoring of what was written to London Times, March 29 of this year, by Dr. Alexander Haddow, Britain's leading cancer research specialist, director of the Chester Beatty Research Institute, Royal Cancer Hospital, London. He mentions a leading article in The Times, March 26, suggesting that the crucial moment is now upon the world for a radical decision involving nuclear explosions, and says:

"Public imagination is perhaps most affected by the primary effect of physical destruction. Yet this, although vast, is so far limited, and the subtler menace - potentially limitless and cumulative - arises from the liberation of radioactive products, and from their immediate, delayed, and remote effects."

This vital secondary effect is mentioned by Dr. Haddow as "an increased incidence of leukaemia in a proportion of the survivors of the Hiroshima explosion."

"After various series now totalling some 50 explosions in all, we approach the time when future risks must be envisaged on a terrestrial scale, with more than a hint of new kinds of catastrophe from increased physical incalculability."

Dr. J. R. Arnold, Chicago nuclear authority, says high government officials are engaged in a "shameful attempt to minimize radioactive dangers."

We may be sure that cancer experts in the U.S. are not ignorant of connection between cancer and radioactivity.

On a radio program recently, an item on the death of the French dress designer, Jacques Fath, killed by leukaemia, was immediately followed by a statement on a gathering just convening at Tokyo, where foreign and Japanese experts will discuss the effect of radiation on humans, foods, etc.

Mme. Joliot-Curie has given an interview in Paris. Speaking of the effects of the March 1 explosion, she said:

"Neither I nor Frederic (Joliot-Curie) are surprised at the 'unforeseen' effects of the American experiments. Our American colleagues cannot plead ignorance or surprise.....What we know, they know too."

In flat contradiction to what US government officials - notably Mr. "Straws" - the banker suddenly turned authority in these matters - has been

saying, regarding the "harmless" dissipation into the atmosphere of throw-offs from the Bomb, this winner of the Nobel prize says:

"...a snow of dust and cinders can travel thousands of miles and more. It was this dust which injured the Japanese fishermen. This snow can remain suspended for months and even years....."

"These experiments can have unpredictable, incalculable effects, far-reaching consequences.

"They can introduce new diseases which can spread over the entire earth.

"They can raise radioactive dust which can fall again anywhere, here, in America - no one can tell in advance.

".....a wave of shock creates a current of wind which carries a part of the radio-active elements in very high altitudes....."

"Besides, 'safety limits' are practically non-existent, because fish or any other animals which are affected but not killed transport the radio-activity beyond the 'limit'."

"But the danger even exceeds what is known at present. There can be danger of all kinds - the climate can be deranged, biological effects can make themselves felt in living beings, men and beasts, for a long time afterwards. Unknown mutations may appear. Species useful to man may disappear entirely as a result of the radiations."

And she justly speaks of the scandalous contempt for other peoples being shown by U.S. in declaring Pacific waters prohibited, "as if that ocean were a lake within the boundaries of the United States."

Mme. Joliot-Curie is indeed correct when she says American scientists realize these terrible facts. But, the financial oligarchy has spoken, and their subordinates dare not be heard to the contrary.

Lewis L. ("Straws") Strauss, of AEC, said lately from Washington that the atomic weapons program is expanding at an unprecedented rate:

"There has never been a degree of expansion in our production comparable to that which we are presently enjoying."

"Enjoying"!!

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WHEELER ANSWERS McCARTHY

(The following has just been received from George Wheeler who, seven years ago, went with his family to reside in Czechoslovakia, where he teaches at the University and where his wife, Eleanor, works as a journalist and his children go to school.)

Friends have sent me various newspaper clippings indicating that on November 24, 1953, Senator McCarthy, in a broadcast intended to divert attention from the outrageous domestic and foreign policies of the Republicans, attacked Harry Dexter White and other New Dealers including me. McCarthy stated that while I was in charge of the denazification of labor institutions in Germany the Civil Service Commission had evidence that I was a spy, but that it had retained me in employment as the result of political pressure from Truman. He charged that I was an "admitted espionage agent." There is not an iota of truth in this assertion. McCarthy admits that the charges sound "unbelievable," but he says he got his information from FBI files. Perhaps he did, but that only proves once again how unreliable is the bilge with which the FBI fills its files.

McCarthy tries to give the appearance of accuracy in his attack by citing dates of alleged hearings and letters. He said, "Listen to these dates, if you will." He gave six dates. Every single one of them is wrong! He has Truman writing to the Civil Service Commission on my behalf while still candidate for vice-president in 1944. Perhaps Truman did in 1944 complain of the Civil Service Commission's outrageously undemocratic and unreliable practices. He should have. But all these 1944 dates are phoney insofar as they relate to me. I got my first notice from the Commission that I was "ineligible" for my work while I was in London in January, 1945, acquiring a distaste for guided missile war-

are. The October 4, 1944 date that McCarthy cited coincides with my clearance by the FBI, the Civil Service Commission, the State Department and the Armed Forces for overseas work - I was one of the first civilians to be cleared. The Civil Service Commission reestablished my "eligibility" for the job I was holding on November 16, 1945, not in October as McCarthy said. Finally, I attacked the Truman Administration's Gestapo treatment of kidnapped Czech citizens on April 7, 1950, not April 13, 1950. This goose-egg is a typical McCarthy batting average. For all his rantings and terror tactics he has yet to uncover a single spy.

McCarthy even gets his presidents mixed up. It was Eisenhower that I was working under, and two of Eisenhower's Generals intervened on my behalf at the "loyalty" hearing which I demanded of the Commission in October 1945. I was fired while working in Berlin, in November 1947, not for espionage (I would have been jailed if that had been charged) but for opposing Truman's Cold War policies. Those policies included the partition of Germany, its rearmament and the placing in power at Bonn of the same Nazis and monopolists that we had just finished fighting. I thought then that it was my duty as a citizen to oppose and expose those policies, and I still think so. This is what McCarthy and his Wall Street sponsors hold against me.

The Civil Service Commission and FBI, now posing as alert and patriotic watchdogs, agreed on two different occasions in 1945 that I should continue in my work overseas. If they had any evidence that I was a spy why did they not have the courage of their evidence and insist that I be kept out of my "delicate policy making position." This was their responsibility, both as citizens and officially. The fact is that they had no evidence then, or now, that I was disloyal in any respect.

The hearings in my case revealed that the FBI had compiled a dossier about four inches thick about me. That file was a swindle and a disgrace to democratic government. It had in it such charges as that we had permitted the trade union to which I belonged to hold a picnic on our farm at Vienna, Virginia, which both white and Negro members attended and enjoyed and were not segregated. Horrors! The Civil Service Commission at first vehemently denied that this "evidence" was in the files and then, confronted, hastily passed the buck to the FBI. And so it went for the whole four inches of the "dossier." No wonder the Commission refused to give me a transcript of the hearings! No wonder Hoover insists that the files be kept secret! This is the kind of "evidence" that Hoover and McCarthy now use to defame fine citizens such as Harry Dexter White - but which they pretend is too precious for the public to see and judge!

McCarthy says that I "disappeared behind the Iron Curtain." The FBI sure is on its toes. We came to Czechoslovakia with the express permission of General Clay (Eisenhower's close advisor) and on Army travel orders. The army colonel in charge of personnel wrote me praising my policy making work in Germany and wishing me good luck in my teaching job here. We've "dodged around" with the same address in the same nice apartment in Prague for the last six years! We are in Czechoslovakia because we like it here and because we have useful, peaceful work. It has been wonderful to live in this calm, happy atmosphere as the Czech and Slovak people busy themselves with building socialism — no phoney hysteria, no "comics," no McCarthy.

(Signed) George S. Wheeler

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December 20, 1953

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Letter from Scott Nearing: "We appreciate your effort in getting out this publication - especially in the face of the opposition which you meet from the church forces. It takes courage for a professing Christian to talk about reconciliation, co-existence and peace in these atrocious days of preparation for atomic warfare."

OUR MESSAGE TO THE IOWA FARMERS UNION 1954 CONVENTION

This convention is called in the midst of national and world crisis.

It is called in a country whose revolution, the historic American Revolution, once a beacon for the world to follow, is being turned into counter-revolution, aiding not the colonists who in the spirit of George Washington oppose the tyrants of today but aiding and comforting the tyrants who visit them with fire and desolation.

It is called in a part of this country where the heart of the American Revolution still beats strong and from which it is our faith and hope that pulsations of health may flow forth to save the commonwealth and bring it back from its present madness to the path of sanity.

For history moves with ever faster pace. Just as the political royalists of London in 1776 were compelled to bow to the American people's will to independence, so the economic royalists of today must bow before the world peoples' will to peace.

The question before this convention here assembled is a simple one:

Shall we continue to put our faith in those whose historic role has been to rob us? Shall we, under the lash of manufactured terror be forced into the lock step of mental and spiritual imprisonment? Shall we plait the whip-cord for our own backs? Shall we go along with the war party?

Or shall we make a stand, here and now, make a stand and make a new start forward? Shall we, each one here, putting aside all personal interests, rivalries, jealousies, become missionaries for peace and full parity?

Why peace is the other side of the coin of parity has been exhaustively and thoroughly explained by your president, Fred Stover, in his "Peace and Parity," a pamphlet which compares favorably with the great writings of the founding fathers of the American Revolution.

Certainly we can see how disparity is bound up with war. For nobody is hiding the manner in which President Eisenhower, who promised parity, is keeping that promise, nor the fact that he sends your 7th Fleet to aid the fascist Chiang attack the young Republic of China. That this happens at a time when China is wrestling with the menace of floods hardly adds to the gallantry of his action.

In the mass psychosis created by press and radio in the U.S. and Canada anything evil, however false, may be shouted about any person named Communist and nothing good, however true, may be whispered. Unless this kind of thing is stopped and stopped now the time is at hand when they will force you off your farm and you will be expected to praise them for doing it. If you don't praise them you may be hauled off to a concentration camp as a subversive. So get ready to heel the company farm, heel cartel America, or else get out and work for your leaders who are fighting this very fight in the courts! There is no in-between. It is either-or.

We must stop applauding the self-styled anti-"Communist", who may very well be a blackmailer by trade and a thief and a loud-mouthed bully. We must stop taking his accusations as gospel truth. The innocent victims of his blackmail are all too frequently pushed into the same trade, so that otherwise honest men are badgered until they point the finger of false accusation at their fellowmen, thinking thereby to save their own hide. These things must be stopped in the interests of a sane America, in the interests of the very survival of America.

It is fascism, and nothing else, which is turning the fear of Communism into a fear and hatred of life, of peace, of plenty; has turned Congressional committees into inquisitions, betrayers and informers into national heroes, church leaders into bearers of false witness.

On the icy incline on which this continent slips and slides towards the abyss it is hard indeed for any considerable number of people to dig

in and resist the downward pull. To do this takes an awful lot of sand, the same kind of sand that Washington and Paine and Jefferson had, the kind of sand that Lincoln and Roosevelt had, the kind that your president, Fred Stover, has, the kind that the embattled farmers of the Iowa Farmers Union possess.

Family farmers who live on their land and with their land are by instinct and training dedicated to the growth of the soil, to building the land, to the improvement of the breed, including the breed of man. They hate war because war destroys the land and the man on it, the old wars that took the young men leaving a broken family and the new wars that will leave a scarred and scorched land and no family on it.

Here, if anywhere, in the farm families of the heart of America, is to be found the common sense which will refuse to be sold down the river of hysteria by a government of power-mad industrialists. Here is a nucleus of sanity which will set the tide towards sanity.

God knows, it is time! It is past time! The ebb has been long, but listen and you will hear the first light lisping of the returning waters, the cool waters of calm discussion and of a democracy dedicated to the welfare of all the people. These waters will drown the "agonized re-appraisals" of Dulles in a flood-tide of good-will translated into food for the hungry, into knowledge for the ignorant, into peace for the war-weary world.

THE FASCIST EGG

Countries don't just suddenly go fascist. There is a period, sometimes long, sometimes not so long, of incubation, during which the noxious gases of panic are generated and spread abroad and the police dossiers are filled up with the names of all who might conceivably oppose fascism and who therefore are slated for extinction.

As to the FBI, we were once visited by an FBI agent who asked us if we opposed Congressman Dies and his committee on un-Americanism. We said yes, we did. And we showed him a recent magazine with an anti-Dies title on the cover.

Anti-fascist elements in Roosevelt's Cabinet learned of this visit and evidently made immediate inquiries for on the following day we received a telephone call from the FBI asking about the agent who had questioned us about Dies. The voice on the 'phone appeared scandalized that such a thing could have occurred. "Are you sure the agent mentioned Dies? Could it not have been something that merely sounded like 'Dies'? Perhaps 'Size', or 'Dries', or 'Pies'."

Does it sound incredible? Nevertheless it happened.

This was at the beginning of the period of 'incubation' mentioned above, and at a time when anti-fascism was not yet frowned on in White House circles. Soon afterward the picture changed. Honest men went to the dog house and stayed there. It became "inadvisable" to talk about an "anti-fascist" war. It was a war for "survival" — of Western institutions, including great corporations and great churches. The totalitarian Vatican, once the bete noir of free man, suddenly became identified with the "free world" in its struggle against totalitarianism, while seeing to it that, as to the latter, a switch was made from fascism to its mortal enemy, communism.

This was the slickest piece of opinion-making magic ever performed. And all the time the fascist chick was maturing, until today it is about ready to break its shell and come forth.

Even Lippmann rationalizes its re-birth in Italy (under U.S. sponsorship).

U.S. bi-partisanship is reappearing. It means the one-party system under a fake two party mask. One-party capitalism is fascism. Is this not what has been hatching?

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The discovery of super-power, with its promise of plenty and its threat of annihilation, forces mankind to choose now between becoming nothing or becoming **one**.

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